

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Itzhak Bentwich *et al.*

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Examiner: VIVLEMORE, TRACY ANN

Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE
GROUP OF NOVEL VIRAL
REGULATORY GENES AND USES
THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

In reply to the final office action mailed July 25, 2007 (the "Office Action" hereafter), please consider the amendments and remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and the requisite fee of \$810 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), which provides an opportunity to withdraw the finality of any office action and to enter and consider this submission. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a one-month extension of time and the requisite fee of \$120 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), which extends the deadline for filing a response to Monday, November 26, 2007.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this reply; **Remarks** begin at page 3.